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Defense Minister General Falcon Briceno this morning sent me list of arms and equipment which Venezuelan armed forces "need urgently to counter probable disturbances to public order". List will be sent in following telegram.

Chief Caracas Metropolitan Police has asked AID Public Safety Advisor to meeting this aftermoon! He is being advised coordinate with Minister Defense.

6. Further recommendations will follow. Meanwhile request (a) immediate reply on availability listed items, (b) immediate preparation of initial shipment

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7. Thus far there have been no incidents or rioting but some indications university student and other groups meeting to map out tactics and students may demonstrate this afternoon.

Commander US Military Group concurs.

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Note: Mr. Bell(ARA) notified
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